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Senator Huppenthal

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE II,
SECTION 24, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO JURY TRIALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article II, section 24, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be
4 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
5 Governor:

6 24. Rights of accused in criminal prosecutions

7 Section 24. A. In criminal prosecutions, the accused
8 shall have the right to appear and defend in person, and by
9 counsel, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation
10 against him, to have a copy thereof, to testify in his own
11 behalf, to meet the witnesses against him face to face, to have
12 compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses in his
13 own behalf, to have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury
14 of the county in which the offense is alleged to have been
15 committed, and the right to appeal in all cases; and in no
16 instance shall any accused person before final judgment be
17 compelled to advance money or fees to secure the rights herein
18 guaranteed.

19 B. THE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY UNDER THIS SECTION APPLIES
20 TO ALL MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES WHETHER OR NOT THE OFFENSE INVOLVED
21 MORAL TURPITUDE.

22 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
23 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of
24 Arizona.